

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 18, 2018

PRELUDE *Prelude* Harris
Jennifer Blackburn

WELCOME

INTROIT (11:00 – Chancel Choir)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Galatians 2 and 1 Corinthians 1:18 (11:00) – Chloe Hardin
Leader: We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ,

ALL: So we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law....

Leader: I have been crucified with Christ.

ALL: It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Leader: For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,

ALL: But to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.

***INVOCATION AND PRAISE**

***HYMN 239** *The Wonderful Cross* THE WONDERFUL CROSS

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00) – Ashleigh Murdock

***PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, PETITION AND INTERCESSION**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS

GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S GRACE

***RESPONSIVE HYMN 670 - THE GLORIA PATRI**

ANTHEM (11:00 – Chancel Choir) *Come Forth! Come One! Come All!* ROSEBERRY

***AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** From the Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1 (11:00) – Lydia Vinson
Leader: What is your only comfort in life and your only comfort in death?

ALL: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, has set me free from the tyranny of the devil, and also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, Christ assures me of eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

* **RESPONSIVE HYMN 668 - THE DOXOLOGY**

***GIVING TO GOD: TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY *My Jesus, I Love Thee* arr. Hayes
Jennifer Blackburn

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SERMON SERIES

Nothing Except God

SCRIPTURE

Romans 4:4-5 (ESV Pew Bible p. 941)

Matthew 20:15 (ESV Pew Bible p. 825)

Sermon *Only the Ungodly Good for Nothing Need Apply* Martin Lifer

INVITATION TO FAITH AND PRAYERS OF TRUST IN GOD'S GRACE

***HYMN 250** *And Can It Be* SAGINA

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 – Chancel Choir) *Amen* TRADITIONAL

POSTLUDE Jennifer Blackburn

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

Deacon of the Month: Jason Ryder

Today's Ushers: 8:30 Gary Bardwell; 11:00 – Lee Weiskopf

Today's Greeters: 8:30 – Carolyn Coleman; 11:00 – Amy Weiskopf

The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God by members of the congregation.

Visiting with Us?

We warmly welcome you to our worship of God. We hope you can visit our other ministries and be back in worship with us on upcoming Sundays. Please speak to Pastor Martin Lifer following today's service (outside the front entrance), ... or contact him at the church office or via email (mwllifer3@gmail.com). Let us know of any special prayer requests, and learn more about growing in your faith or, specifically, about joining our church family.

We also invite you to be guests of Pastor and Nancy Lifer, together with other FPC members, for our

FIRST CONNECT Lunch & Learn Fellowship

on

Sunday, March 4, 12:10-1:15, p.m.

This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about being part of our church family and ministries. (We can provide childcare and lunch food for younger children whose parents will be with us. Please simply let Pastor, Nancy, or the Church Office know you are coming.)

HELP US PREPARE FOR UPCOMING SUNDAYS:



Fresh Flowers for the Sanctuary. If you would like to provide flowers for a Lord's Day worship services, please call Rita Usher in the church office for details and/or to reserve a date. You may provide one or two arrangements or contribute smaller amounts to a flower fund.

Ushers and Greeters Needed

We had a great response to the First Serve cards for ushers and greeters, but we wanted to give everyone the chance to be a part of this important service to our church. Please access our "Signup Genius" webpage to sign up for any Sundays from now through June, or you may call Rita at the church office or contact Vivian Cade at cade.vm@gmail.com to sign up.

8:30 Service: <https://tinyurl.com/8-30amService> 11:00 Service: <https://tinyurl.com/11amService>

NEXT SUNDAY,

February 25

Join leaders from the Central South Presbytery celebrating
FPC's Becoming a Full, Voting Congregation in
the EPC:



**10:00 a.m. - We will have a Single,
Unified Worship Service;**

followed by a

Church-wide

Fellowship Lunch

*All members and others worshipping with us
(visitors and other guests) are invited.*

Also, on EPC Reception Sunday, February 25th, we will have **Ministry Team booths** set up in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:00 a.m. (before the worship service on that celebration Sunday at 10:00 a.m.). Please come by and meet the Ministry Team coordinators and find out more about each ministry area. We are so excited to see how God will use **each** of us in the **LIFE** of FPC!

Excitedly in God's Good News for FPC,
Your FPC Session and Diaconate

DIAPERS & WIPES SHOWER, Sunday, March 4



Please join us on March 4, during our Fellowship Gathering (10:30-10:50 a.m.) in Fellowship Hall for our Diapers & Wipes Shower for Zack and Hunter Harrington, and their coming baby boy, Henry Lawrence Harrington, due this spring.

Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner 5:15-5:45 p.m.

This Wednesday's Dinner: Pot Roast, Rice and Gravy, Lima Beans, Rolls, Strawberry Cake. Adults may also choose a Chef Salad, ... or, as always, children may have pizza – just let us know. Please complete your reservation card and place it in the Offering today, or call or send an email to the Church Office.

Children's, SOS & Youth Ministries (5:50 -7 p.m.)

Adult Studies Wednesday Night (5:50 -7 p.m.):

Men's Bible Study (Johnson Room). *A Life Beyond Amazing.*

HOW TO BE FAITHFUL, TECH-Wise Christians and Families:

Dr. Lifer leads this small group study in the Chapel (5:50-7 p.m.).

Women's Bible Study, led by Orly Hardin (in the Parlor) - We Saved You a Seat.

...ALSO, our Chancel Choir will resume practice on Wednesday at 6-7 p.m.

Winter Jam for Kids and Youth

Calling all 3rd-6th graders and Youth!! The Winter Jam 2018 Christian concert is February 22nd at 7 pm. Don't miss this amazing night of worship! Let Ashleigh Murdock know if you will attend.



CASSEROLE KITCHEN MISSION MEAL HOSTS AT FPC THIS WEEK

Feb 20 – Paula Ivey

Feb 22 – Richard and Jennifer Blackburn

Week of February 18, 2018

SUNDAY:	8:30a.m.	Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Gathering (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
MONDAY:	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Boy Scouts Building)
	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous, also on T, W, & F (Ed. Bldg)
TUESDAY:	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parlor)
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
WEDNESDAY:	5:15 p.m.	Friends & Family Meal
	5:50 p.m.	Children's Choir, SOS, Youth Discipleship
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
THURSDAY:	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
SATURDAY:	12:00 pm	Casserole Kitchen (Episcopal Church)
	6:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Christian Education Bldg.)

Prayer List

Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware
 Thomas Guest (Charlie and Rubye Guest's grandson)
 Gary and Janet Bardwell
 Jay Bardwell
 Diane Daniels, together with her sister, Delores Irvin, and Sarah Helen McCloskey
 (Daniels' family friend) -PA
 Jane Zitta
 Sylvia Love
 Marjorie Malone
 Eleisha G. Reynolds (Anita Reynolds' daughter-in-law) Montrose, CO
 Marie Tubb and John Gassaway (Anna Ray Gasaway's sister-in-law & brother-in-law)
 Dawn Allen (Nell Hartness' granddaughter) - Starkville
 Billy and Brenda Harrington
 Cattie Taylor
 Carol Clark (Albert Clark's sister)
 Brenda Pratt, Cheryl Kay Linder (Beth Ann Dunlap's stepmother & sister)
 Bessie Montgomery
 Mae Glass (Vivien Miller's mother)
 Carl Ivey, Sr. – Dukedom, Kentucky
 Anderson Ivey (Carl and Paula Ivey's grandson) – Birmingham, Alabama
 Marshall McReynolds (Sherylan Webb's nephew) – Tupelo
 Craig Wolf (Paula Elliott's son-in-law) – Huntsville, Alabama
 Danny Carlisle (Loren Zimmerman's friend)
 Frances Ellis, Christopher A. Cook, and Brett Horton (Ellen Mauldin's sister, grandson –
 U.S. Army-Poland – and her brother Leslie's grandson)
 Billy Ray Ball (Dolph Bryan's Uncle) – Tuscaloosa
 Madeline Bell (Greta Bryan's great niece) – Vienna, Virginia
 Jack Boren & family, Ryan Carrithers, Tonia McLendon, and Sue Salley (friends of
 Dolph & Greta Bryan)

Health Care / Assisted Living Prayer List

Thelma Gentry – Vicker's Personal Care Home
 Louise Haddiagan – The Claiborne
 Jane Lusk – The Claiborne
 Jetta Kuykendall – The Grove, Columbia
 Kathleen Smithson Lawson – Vicker's Personal Care Home
 Lu Graham (Jane Zitta's sister) – The Hermitage, Richmond, Virginia
 Frances Oakley – Sunnybrook Estates, Madison
 Marie Tramel – Beau Ridge, Ridgeland
 Maxine Eastland – Franklin, TN
 Elizabeth Duffey – Presbyterian Village, GA
 Jewel Jacobs (Cindy Walker's mother) – Montgomery Garden

New Church Pictorial Directory! A professional photographer will begin taking family portraits for the directory on **March 1-3** at our church. You can **sign up** online by using the link below. If you do not have access to a computer you can call the church office to make this appointment at your convenience. Please click the following link to make an appointment: <https://tinyurl.com/FPCpictures>

TEJERAS MEAL SPONSORS (*Mission meal for children in Tejeras, Honduras*)
If you would like to sponsor a Tejeras Meal in 2018, please send a check for \$80 made out to Honduras Agape Foundation to Michele Rackley, PO Box 826, Starkville, MS 39760, or in the church office, or you may place your check in the Offering.

Elders Serving on Our Session

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Myles Carpenter	Dolph Bryan	Carl Ivey
Jack Forbus	Harold Clark	Jim Beaty
Randell Foxworth	Cecelia Cook	Peggy Johnson
Allen Johnson	Bob Daniels	Jeff Foster
Janice Kinard	Orly Hardin	
Perry Rackley	Edward Kemp	

Elder Emeritus – Dero Ramsey

/ Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator / Randell Foxworth, Clerk

Deacons Serving on Our Diaconate

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Jay Cook	Peggy Branch	Tabor Mullen
John Rush	Vivian Cade	Kristen Skinner
	Joel Downey	Johnny Fair
	Jimbo Hearnberger	Jeremy Murdock
	Jason Ryder	

FPC Women's Ministry – Caitlin Rackley, Moderator

Circles, Meeting Places, and Leaders

Circles meet **2nd week** of each month (7:00 pm Circle meets 3rd Monday)
 Second Sunday, 8am, Parlor – Chairman Lynda Forbus
 Second Monday, 1:30 pm, Parlor – Chairman Kay McReynolds
 Second Tuesday, 6 pm, Location TBA – Chairman Orly Hardin
 Third Monday, 7 pm, Location TBA – Chairman Amy Aarhus

Men of the Church (MOC) Officers – Andrew Fountain, *President*,
 Will Rackley, *Vice President*, Charlie Weatherly, *Treasurer*

The Ministry of Music

On Wednesdays - Chancel Choir, 6:00 p.m./ Children's Choirs at 5:50 p.m.

FPC and FPCCC Ministry Team

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 A Global Movement of Evangelical Christians**

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